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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: **98**th Annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) National Convention

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host its 98th Annual National Convention from July 7-12, 2007 in Detroit, MI. Specific convention details are available at www.naacp.org.

As stated in the December 21,2006 memorandum on outreach events signed by Principal Deputy Under Secretary Michael L. Dominguez, the Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity will support the convention. Military recruitment commands and DoD civilian recruitment offices are encouraged to participate by setting-up exhibits and displays. The United States Coast Guard will be highlighted during the 32nd NAACP Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Awards Dinner, scheduled for Tuesday, July 10 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. The dinner program will include the presentation of awards to DoD personnel making outstanding contributions to equal opportunity.

Supervisors may allow their personnel involved in policies and programs affecting the employment and advancement of minorities and women to take advantage of participation in the national convention. Examples of persons in these categories include civilian and military equal opportunity directors, specialists, and advisors; special emphasis program managers; human resource specialists and individuals in managerial and supervisory positions. Although the selection of attendees is left to the discretion of the Components, please consider requests from DoD personnel who may not have a programmatic responsibility, but may benefit from these opportunities.

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